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Docket No. 4439-4026

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) Masayuki AMAGAI, Takeji NISHIKAWA, and Manabu OHYAMA
Group Art Unit: 1632
Serial No.: 10/511,693
Examiner: Anoop K. SINGH
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Confirmation No. 9184
For: DRUGS TO BE USED IN GENE THERAPY FOR RECESSIVELY
TRANSMITTED GENETIC DISEASE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006 in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned for a one (1) month extension of time and paid concurrently herewith the appropriate fee for extending the period of response up to and including Sunday, June 4, 2006. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a) when the last day to take action falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, *i.e.*, June 5, 2006 without additional extension fees.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.